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This ACUS resource provides summaries and statuses of bills introduced during the 117th Congress that address regulatory reform (i.e., reforms to agency rulemaking and adjudication processes) and other selected topics in the field of administrative law.

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BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY	
1	S. 5280 - CFPB Stability Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA]	<p>Date Introduced: 12/15/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 12/15/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.</p>	This bill would amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to subject the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to the regular appropriations process.
2	H.R. 9253 - Government Office Realignment and Closure (GORAC) Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	<p>Date Introduced: 10/28/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 10/28/22, referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules.</p>	This bill would require the Comptroller General to provide for an independent, non-federal audit to evaluate federal agencies and programs and make recommendations on their elimination or realignment. Following the audit, the Comptroller General would be required to submit a report to Congress that proposes legislation to eliminate or realign the duplicative, wasteful, or outdated agencies / programs identified by the audit. Draft legislation so submitted would then be considered by Congress under special expedited procedures.
3	H.R. 9048 – FTC Commissioner Parity Act Link	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	<p>Date Introduced: 9/29/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 9/30/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.</p>	This bill would prohibit a commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission from continuing in office after the expiration of the term of office of the commissioner.
4	H.R. 8464 – To require certain agencies in the executive branch of the Federal government to conduct a study on duplicative functions, and for other purposes. Link	Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	<p>Date Introduced: 7/21/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 7/21/22, referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.</p>	This bill requires specified agencies in the executive branch of the federal government to conduct a study on duplicative functions. Such agencies must: (1) identify functions that duplicate the functions of other specified agencies; (2) calculate the annual cost of such duplicative functions; and (3) analyze solutions for eliminating such duplicative functions, including identifying which agency is best suited to have sole responsibility for such functions. Such agencies must jointly submit a consolidated report to Congress on the results.

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5	S. 4520 / H.R. 8358 – Food Safety Administration Act of 2022	Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL] Rep. DeLauro, Rosa [D-CT-3]	Date Introduced: S.: 7/13/22 H.R.: 7/13/22 Most Recent Action: S.: On 7/13/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. H.R.: On 7/13/22, referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	This bill splits the current Food and Drug Administration into the Federal Drug Administration (to regulate drugs, cosmetics, devices, biological products, color additives, and tobacco) and the Food Safety Administration (to regulate food safety). The bill also establishes specific requirements with respect to manufacturers of infant formula, such as requiring manufacturers to notify the newly created Food Safety Administration of potential infant formula shortages.
6	H.R. 6796 – Digital Services Oversight and Safety Act Link	Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	Date Introduced: 2/18/22 Most Recent Action: On 2/18/22, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and the Judiciary.	This bill establishes the Bureau of Digital Services Oversight and Safety within the FTC to provide oversight of content moderation by online platforms. Specifically, the commission and the bureau may conduct investigative studies concerning the dissemination of illegal content or goods through the platforms, discrimination of individuals by the platforms, and the risk of harm caused by the malfunction or intentional manipulation of the platforms. The bill also provides for the regulation of automated content recommendations to users of these large platforms and enforcement by the commission.
7	H.R. 6789 / S. 2135 – Identifying and Eliminating Wasteful Programs Act	Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7] Sen. Hassan, Margaret [D-NH]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 2/18/22 S.: 6/17/21 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 2/18/22, referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform S.: On 12/14/22, passed in the Senate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, by unanimous consent.	This bill requires each federal agency to compile a list of programs, based on guidance provided by the Office of Management and Budget, that: (1) are unnecessary, defunct, or duplicative federal programs; (2) another agency could administer more effectively; or (3) could operate more effectively if the program or activity were consolidated with other programs or activities. Additionally, the President must include the list of programs or program activities so identified in the annual budget submitted to Congress.

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8	H.R. 6577 – Real Courts Rule of Law Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	Date Introduced 2/3/22 Most Recent Action On 12/20/22, placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 468..	This bill establishes the U.S. Immigration Courts, a system of courts to be independent of the executive branch and transfers all functions of the Executive Office for Immigration Review to the Immigration Courts, with some exceptions. Jurisdiction of the trial division of the Immigration Court shall have jurisdiction over: (1) removal proceedings, (2) reviews of rescissions of lawful permanent resident status, and (3) reviews of credible fear determinations in applications for refugee status. The appellate division shall have jurisdiction over appeals of decisions by the trial division and certain Department of Homeland Security determinations.
9	H.R. 6409 / S. 1090 – Repeal CFPB Act	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19] Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	Date Introduced H.R.: 1/14/22 S.: 4/13/21 Most Recent Action H.R.: On 1/14/22, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. S.: On 4/13/21, referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.	This bill repeals the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
10	H.R. 2199 / S. 925 - Federal Agency Sunset Commission Act of 2021	Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27] Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	Date Introduced H.R.: 3/26/21 S.: 3/23/21 Most Recent Action H.R.: On 3/26/21, referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules. S.: On 3/23/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill establishes a Federal Agency Sunset Commission. The Commission’s duties, among other things, include establishment of an agency review and abolishment schedule, review of agency efficiency, and regular reports to Congress.

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11	H.R. 111 - Federal Sunset Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	<p>Date Introduced 1/4/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 1/4/21, referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.</p> <p>This bill establishes the Federal Agency Sunset Commission and abolishes a federal agency one year after it is reviewed by the Commission unless the agency is reauthorized by Congress. Each agency, including each advisory committee, must be reviewed by the commission at least once every 12 years.</p>

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1	H.R. 9263 - Expose Biden's Inflation, Deficits, and Economic Neglect Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Clyde, Andrew [R-GA-9]	Date Introduced: 11/3/22 Most Recent Action: On 11/3/22, referred to the Committees on Oversight and Reform and the Judiciary.	This bill would require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the impact of major rules on inflation and gross domestic product.
2	H.R. 8589 – To prohibit the Securities and Exchange Commission from finalizing the proposed rule titled "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors", and for other purposes. Link	Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	Date Introduced: 7/29/22 Most Recent Action: On 7/29/22, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	This bill prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from finalizing the rule proposed on April 11, 2022 and titled "The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors."
3	H.R. 8563 – Sunset Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	Date Introduced: 7/28/22 Most Recent Action: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	This bill amends chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional oversight of agency rulemaking. Specifically, this bill would require that each major rule receive congressional approval or be terminated every ten years. It further requires each federal agency to submit a report to Congress and Comptroller on the rules subject to expiration. Rules would be renewed through approval by both the House of Representatives and Senate under a joint resolution.
4	S. 4594 – National Regulatory Budget Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	Date of Introduction: 7/21/22 Most Recent Action: On 7/21/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill provides for establishment of National Regulatory Budget (and agency-specific annual overall regulatory cost caps), creates an Office of Regulatory Analysis to conduct analysis of the cost and impact of new and existing rules and submit regular reports to Congress, and authorizes the Regulatory Analysis Advisory Board to support its operations.

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5	S. 4427 – Checks and Balances Act Link	Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	<p>Date Introduced: 6/16/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 6/16/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill amends the Congressional Review Act to enable congressional disapproval of a broader range of executive actions, including guidance documents issued by non-agencies (e.g., task forces or similar entities composed of members of multiple agencies).
6	H.R. 7511 – Cut Red Tape Act Link	Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	<p>Date Introduced: 4/14/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 4/14/22, referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Rules.</p>	This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Regulatory Improvement Commission to make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations that have been finalized not later than 10 years before the establishment of the commission for the purpose of reducing compliance costs, encouraging growth and innovation, improving competitiveness, and protecting public safety.
7	H.R. 2577 – Article I Regulatory Budget Act Link	Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	<p>Date Introduced 4/15/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 10/19/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill requires the establishment of a federal regulatory budget to limit the costs of federal regulations. It also establishes requirements for disclosing the projected costs of federal regulations and procedures for enforcing the regulatory budget.
8	H.R. 2212 / S. 1001 – Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Act of 2021	Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5] Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	<p>Date Introduced H.R.: 3/26/21 S.: 3/25/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.R.: On 3/26/21, referred to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules. S.: On 3/25/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Pandemic Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Commission to make recommendations and propose legislation for modification, consolidation, harmonization, or repeal of regulations to reduce compliance costs, encourage growth and innovation, improve competitiveness, and protect public safety. The bill sets forth reporting requirements for the commission and procedures for congressional consideration of commission

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			reports, recommendations, and proposed legislation.	
9	H.R. 2251 / S. 969 - Coronavirus Regulatory Repeal Act of 2021	Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21] Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	<p>Date Introduced H.R.: 3/26/21 S.: 3/25/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.R.: On 10/19/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 3/25/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill repeals or modifies any agency rule that is temporarily waived or modified during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency, subject to a review process. The bill specifies procedures for Congress and the heads of agencies to analyze, review, and recommend whether the waiver or modification of a rule should continue and such waiver or modification expires only if a law is enacted in accordance with a recommendation that the rule be reinstated when the emergency period ends.
10	H.R. 1776 / S. 68 - Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2021	Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3] Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	<p>Date Introduced H.R.: 3/10/21 S.: 1/27/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.R.: On 5/18/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 1/27/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill revises provisions relating to congressional review of agency rulemaking. Specifically, the bill establishes a congressional approval process for a major rule. A major rule may only take effect if Congress approves of the rule. A major rule is a rule that results in (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. In addition, the bill establishes a congressional disapproval process for a nonmajor rule. A nonmajor rule may only take effect if Congress does not disapprove of the rule.
11	S. 629 ; H.R. 1702 - GAO Database Modernization Act of 2021	Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	<p>Date Introduced S.: 3/9/21 H.R.: 3/9/21</p>	This bill would require Federal agencies to submit to a report to GAO on all rules that are revoked,

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		Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	<p>Most Recent Action S.: On 5/26/22, passed in the Senate, with an amendment, by unanimous consent. H.R.: On 5/18/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective.
12	S. 84 - Write the Laws Act Link	Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	<p>Date Introduced 1/28/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 1/28/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill prohibits an act of Congress from containing any delegation of legislative powers. Any act of Congress, presidential directive, adjudicative decision, rule, or regulation that is enacted 90 days or more after this bill's enactment and is noncompliant with this bill shall have no force or effect.
13	H.R. 418 - Article I Restoration Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	<p>Date Introduced 1/21/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 3/5/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill requires any covered rule issued by an executive agency after this bill's enactment to sunset three years after its effective date unless specifically reauthorized by Congress. An agency may not reissue, enforce, revise, or take other regulatory action related to a covered rule that has sunset. If the agency that issues covered rules wants to request a reauthorization for such rules, such agency shall, one year before the rule is scheduled to sunset, submit a report to Congress that includes a justification for reauthorization, any related covered rules, and any recommendation or request made by members of relevant congressional committees.
14	H.R. 61 - Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	<p>Date Introduced 1/4/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 3/1/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial,</p>	This bill allows Congress to disapprove multiple regulations under one joint resolution of disapproval if the regulations were submitted for review during the last 60 legislative days of the final year of a President's term. Currently,

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		and Administrative Law.	each joint resolution may disapprove of only one regulation.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT RESOLUTIONS				
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1	<p>S.J. Res. 70 / H.J. Res. 105 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken".</p>	<p>Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS] Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]</p>	<p>Date Introduced S.J. Res.: 12/21/22 H.J. Res.: 12/21/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.J. Res.: On 12/21/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. H.J. Res.: On 12/21/22, referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	<p>This joint resolution would provide for congressional disapproval under the Congressional Review Act of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service rule relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment."</p>
2	<p>H.J. Res. 104 / H.J. Res. 103 / S.J. Res. 68 / S.J. Res. 65 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights".</p>	<p>H.J. Res. 104: Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1] H.J. Res. 103: Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6] S.J. Res. 68: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN] S.J. Res. 65: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]</p>	<p>Date Introduced H.J. Res. 104: 12/20/22 H.J. Res. 103: 12/15/22 S.J. Res. 68: 12/15/22 S.J. Res. 65: 12/01/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.J. Res. 104: On 12/20/22, referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. H.J. Res. 103: On 12/15/22, referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. S.J. Res. 68: On 12/15/22, referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. S.J. Res. 65: On 12/1/22, referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p>This joint resolution would provide for congressional disapproval under the Congressional Review Act of the Department of Labor rule relating to "Prudence and Loyalty in Selecting Plan Investments and Exercising Shareholder Rights."</p>
3	<p>H.J. Res. 102 / S.J. Res. 66 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans</p>	<p>Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]</p>	<p>Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 12/13/22 S.J. Res.: 12/13/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 12/13/22, referred to the House</p>	<p>This joint resolution would provide for congressional disapproval under the Congressional Review Act of the Department of Veterans' Affairs rule relating to "Reproductive Health Services."</p>

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	Affairs relating to "Reproductive Health Services".		Committee on Veterans' Affairs. S.J. Res.: On 12/13/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
4	S.J. Res. 64 / H.J. Res. 97 - Disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility".	Rep. Nehls, Troy [R-TX-22] Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	Date Introduced S.J. Res.: 11/14/22 H.J. Res.: 9/21/22 Most Recent Action S.J. Res.: on 11/14/22, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. H.J. Res.: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
5	H.J. Res. 94 / S.J. Res. 60 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria-Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)	Rep. Moolenaar, John [R-MI-4] Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 9/9/22 S.J. Res.: 9/8/22 Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 9/9/22, referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. S.J. Res.: On 12/14/22, failed of passage in Senate by a Yea-Nay Vote of 49 – 49.
6	H.J. Res. 72 / S.J. Res. 37 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to "Requirement for Persons To Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs".	Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9] Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 2/18/22 S.J. Res.: 2/10/22 Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 4/27/22, motion to Discharge Committee filed by Rep. Mast [R-FL-9] S.J. Res.: On 3/15/22, passed in the Senate without amendment by

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		a Yea-Nay Vote of 57 - 40		
7	<p>S.J. Res. 32 / H.J. Res. 67 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services relating to "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination".</p>	<p>Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS] Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]</p>	<p>Date Introduced S.J. Res.: 12/9/21 H.J. Res.: 12/9/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.J. Res.: On 3/2/22, passed in the Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay vote of 49-44. H.J. Res.: On 2/28/22, motion to discharge from Committee filed by Rep. Duncan.</p>	<p>This joint resolution nullifies the rule titled Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination, which was issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on November 5, 2021. The rule requires health care providers, as a condition of Medicare and Medicaid participation, to ensure that staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.</p>
8	<p>S.J. Res. 29 / H.J. Res. 65 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard".</p>	<p>Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN] Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]</p>	<p>Date Introduced S.J. Res.: 11/17/21 H.J. Res.: 11/17/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.J. Res.: On 12/8/21, passed in the Senate without amendment by a Yea-Nay vote of 52-48. H.J. Res.: On 11/17/21, referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</p>	<p>This joint resolution nullifies a Department of Labor emergency temporary standard for preventing the transmission of COVID-19 in employment settings. Under the standard issued on November 5, 2021, employers with 100 or more employees must require their onsite employees to either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly COVID-19 testing.</p>
9	<p>S.J. Res. 23 / S.J. Res. 24 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions in Communities with Substantial or High Transmission of COVID-19</p>	<p>Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA] Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]</p>	<p>Date Introduced S.J. Res. 23: 8/10/21 S.J. Res. 24: 8/10/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.J. Res. 23: On 8/10/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. S.J. Res. 24: On 8/10/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Health,</p>	<p>This joint resolution nullifies the order submitted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention titled Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions in Communities With Substantial or High Transmission of COVID-19 To Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 and published on August 6, 2021.</p>

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	To Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19".		Education, Labor, and Pensions.	
10	H.J. Res. 37 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Securing Updated and Necessary Statutory Evaluations Timely". Link	Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	Date Introduced 3/29/21 Most Recent Action On 3/30/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	This joint resolution nullifies the rule finalized by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on January 19, 2021, that applies, subject to certain exceptions, sunset dates to HHS regulations.
11	H.J. Res. 36 / S.J. Res. 16 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Procedural Requirements and Resubmission Thresholds Under Exchange Act Rule 14a-8".	Del. San Nicolas, Michael [D-GU-At Large] Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 3/26/21 S.J. Res. 3/25/21 Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 3/26/21, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services S.J. Res.: On 3/25/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.	This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission titled Procedural Requirements and Resubmission Thresholds Under Exchange Act Rule 14a-8 and published on November 4, 2020. The rule provides additional requirements for the inclusion of shareholder proposals in proxy statements, such as increasing the securities ownership requirements for submitting a proposal and increasing the level of support a proposal must receive to be eligible for resubmission at a future shareholder meeting.
12	H.J. Res. 35 / S.J. Res. 15 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency relating to "National Banks and Federal Savings Associations as Lenders".	Rep. Garcia, Jesus [D-IL-4] Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 3/26/21 S.J. Res.: 3/25/21 Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 3/26/21, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services S.J. Res.: On 6/20/21, signed by the President; became Pub. L. 117-24.	This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency titled National Banks and Federal Savings Associations as Lenders and published on October 30, 2020. The rule requires that to be considered a lender, a national bank or federal saving association must, as of the date of origination of the loan (1) be named as the lender in the loan agreement, or (2) fund the loan.

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13	<p>H.J. Res. 34 / S.J. Res. 14 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review".</p>	<p>Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]</p> <p>Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]</p>	<p>Date Introduced H.J. Res.: 3/26/21 S.J. Res.: 3/25/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.J. Res.: On 6/17/21, placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 45. S.J. Res.: On 6/30/21, signed by the President; became Pub. L. 117-23.</p>	<p>This joint resolution nullifies the Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review rule published by the Environmental Protection Agency on September 14, 2020. The rule finalized amendments to new source performance standards under the Clean Air Act for the oil and natural gas sector, such as an amendment that removed limitations on methane emissions from such sector.</p>
14	<p>S.J. Res. 13 / H.J. Res. 33 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission's Conciliation Procedures".</p>	<p>Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]</p> <p>Rep. Scott, Robert C. [D-VA-3]</p>	<p>Date Introduced S.J. Res.: 3/23/21 H.J. Res.: 3/23/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.J. Res.: On 6/30/21, signed by the President; became Pub. L. 117-22. H.J. Res.: On 3/23/21, referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</p>	<p>This resolution expresses congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) that revises the EEOC settlement process to provide employers with the factual and legal basis that the EEOC relied on to make a reasonable cause finding of a discriminatory practice.</p>

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1	S. 5300 – Financial Regulators Transparency Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA]	Date Introduced: 12/19/22 Most Recent Action: On 12/19/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	This bill would provide greater transparency with respect to the financial regulatory agencies by providing for application of FOIA and the Federal Records Act to the federal reserve banks, its board of governors, and establishing special procedures, including priority consideration, for certain congressional requests for information from agencies.
2	S. 4816 / H.R. 7337 – Access for Veterans to Records Act	Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA] Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	Date Introduced: S.: 9/12/22 H.R.: 3/31/22 Most Recent Action: S.: On 12/15/22, placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. H.R.: On 7/18/22, received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill directs the Office of the Archivist of the United States to submit to Congress a comprehensive plan for reducing the backlog of requests for records from, and improving the efficiency and responsiveness of operations at, the National Personnel Records Center.
3	H.R. 8070 – Transparent Leadership Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Beyer, Donald [D-VA-8]	Date Introduced: 6/15/22 Most Recent Action: On June 15, 2022, Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform	This bill requires the publication of schedules and speeches for the heads of executive branch agencies. Specifically, the bill requires each agency to make available for public inspection in an electronic format within a specified time frame: (1) a copy of each speech given after this bill's enactment by the head of the agency acting in an official capacity, and (2) a document disclosing a meeting between an agency head acting in such capacity and a person not employed by the agency.
4	S. 4401 – FOIA Fix Act Link	Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	Date Introduced: 6/14/22 Most Recent Action: On 6/14/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	This bill bars certain foreign nationals and entities from obtaining U.S. government records under the Freedom of Information Act. The bill specifically prohibits an agency from making records available to specified requesters, including an entity that is a subsidiary of an entity with a principal place of business or

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			headquarters located in China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, Cuba, Syria, or Venezuela. Further, the bill sets penalties for knowingly assisting, conspiring, or abetting a request for information on behalf of an individual or entity that is prohibited from receiving it.	
5	S. 2163 / H.R. 2726 - VA FOIA Reform Act of 2021	Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7] Sen. Hassan, Margaret [D-NH]	<p>Date Introduced S.: 6/22/21 H.R.: 4/21/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.: On 6/22/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R.: On 6/15/21, passed in the House by voice vote under suspension of the rules.</p>	This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and implement a plan for reducing its backlog of FOIA requests. VA must request that NARA's Office of Government Information Services conduct an assessment of the VA's compliance with FOIA. Finally, VA must submit an annual report on its FOIA compliance efforts and make such reports available on its website.
6	S. 742 - Open and Responsive Government Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	<p>Date Introduced 3/15/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 3/15/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	This bill limits the extent to which federal agencies may exempt information from requests to disclose agency records under the Freedom of Information Act, including prohibiting the withholding of a portion of an otherwise responsive record on the basis that the portion is nonresponsive.

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS				
BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY	
1	S. 628 / H.R. 1605 – Guidance Out of Darkness Act	Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI] Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	<p>Date Introduced S.: 3/9/21 H.R.: 3/8/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.: On 3/9/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. H.R.: On 3/8/21, referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.</p>	<p>This bill establishes requirements concerning the posting of agency guidance documents. Specifically, an agency must publish guidance documents online on the dates they are issued, publish all of its guidance documents that are in effect in a single location on a designated website, display a hyperlink on its website that provides access to the guidance documents on such website, and indicate on such website if a guidance document has been rescinded. The documents must be categorized as guidance documents and further divided into subcategories.</p>
2	H.R. 1508 ; S. 533 - Guidance Clarity Act of 2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3] Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	<p>Date Introduced March 2, 2021</p> <p>Most Recent Actions H.R.: On April 27, 2022, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 353.</p> <p>S.: Considered by the House under suspension of the rules on November 17, 2022.</p>	<p>This bill requires federal agencies to state on the first page of guidance documents that such guidance (1) does not have the force and effect of law, and (2) is intended only to provide clarity to the public about existing legal requirements or agency policies. The Office of Management and Budget must issue guidance to implement this requirement.</p>

JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY ACTION				
BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY	
1	H.R. 9660 – Injunction Reform Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	<p>Date Introduced: 12/21/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 12/21/22, referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	This bill would amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the issuance of national injunctions by courts other than the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.
2	H.R. 3494 - Separation of Powers Restoration Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	<p>Date Introduced 5/25/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill modifies the scope of judicial review of agency actions to authorize courts reviewing agency actions to decide de novo (i.e., without giving deference to the agency's interpretation) all relevant questions of law, including the interpretation of (1) constitutional and statutory provisions, and (2) rules made by agencies.
3	H.R. 893 - Court Shopping Deterrence Act Link	Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	<p>Date Introduced 2/5/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 4/23/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.</p>	This bill gives the U.S. Supreme Court exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals from a nationwide injunction issued by a U.S. district court.
4	H.R. 415 - To amend chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that in the case of an agency that appeals the ruling of a court under that chapter, and does not prevail on appeal, the court shall award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and for other purposes. Link	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	<p>Date Introduced 1/21/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 3/5/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill revises requirements governing judicial review of federal agency action. If an agency does not prevail in an appeal of a court ruling, then the court must award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The award must be paid out of the administrative budget of the office in the agency that filed the appeal.

PERMITTING REFORM				
BILL	SPONSOR	STATUS	SUMMARY	
1	H.R. 9372 / S. 5165 - Pipeline Permitting for Energy Security Act Link	Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16] Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 12/1/22 S.: 12/1/22 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 12/14/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. S.: On 12/1/22, referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	This bill would facilitate pipeline construction and limit regulatory and litigation delays under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Endangered Species Act of 1973
2	S. 5012 – One Stop Shop for Small Business Licensing Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	Date Introduced: 9/29/22 Most Recent Action: On 9/29/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.	This bill would require the Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship Education of the Small Business Administration to establish and maintain a website regarding small business permitting and licensing requirements.
3	H.R. 8928 – Permitting for Mining Needs Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Stauber, Peter [R-MN-8]	Date Introduced: 9/20/22 Most Recent Action: On 10/28/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.	This bill seeks to improve the efficiency of the permitting process for mining on federal lands.
4	H.R. 8966 / S. 4815 – Simplify Timelines and Assure Regulatory Transparency (START) Act	Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16] Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 9/22/22 S.: 9/12/22 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 10/28/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. S.: On 9/12/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.	This bill seeks to clarify regulatory certainty by, among other things, codifying NEPA regulations, defining key regulatory terms (e.g., Waters of the United States), prohibiting the use of social cost of greenhouse gas estimates, and streamlining and expediting the permitting review process for new energy projects.

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5	H.R. 8176 – Unleash American Drilling Act Link	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	<p>Date Introduced: 6/6/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 6/6/22, referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	<p>This bill amends the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue decisions on applications for permits to drill that have been frozen in contravention of the spirit of such Act. Under the bill, the Secretary must issue a decision on a permit within 90 days of submission so long as DOI has either: (1) not yet formally deferred the application pursuant to section 17(p) of the Mineral Leasing Act; or (2) has deferred the application and there are no steps the application is required to take for the permit to be issued.</p>
6	S. 2630 – Environmental Justice Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Booker, Cory [D-NJ]	<p>Date Introduced 8/5/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 8/5/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	<p>This bill requires agencies to address and mitigate the disproportionate impact of environmental and human health hazards on communities of color, indigenous communities, and low-income communities resulting from agencies' programs and policies. The bill also requires agencies to address cumulative impacts of pollution in permitting decisions and expands the types of legal actions available to individuals regarding charges of federal discriminatory practices. In addition, the bill requires agencies renewing or issuing specified permits under the Clean Water Act or the Clean Air Act to consider the cumulative impacts of pollution.</p>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK				
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1	H.R. 9215 - NRC Office of Public Engagement and Participation Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	<p>Date Introduced: 10/21/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 10/24/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.</p>	This bill would establish an Office of Public Engagement and Participation within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
4	H.R. 4688 / S. 671 – Federal Agency Customer Experience Act of 2021	Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11] Sen. Hassan, Margaret [D-NH]	<p>Date Introduced H.R.: 7/26/21 S.: 3/10/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action H.R.: On 12/2/21, ordered to be favorably reported, with an amendment, by the Committee on Oversight and Reform. S.: On 6/22/22, passed in the Senate with an amendment by unanimous consent.</p>	This bill requires certain agencies to collect customer experience feedback with respect to their services and transactions, which the agencies must then publish on their websites and report to the Office of Management and Budget.

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS & REPORTING				
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1	H.R. 9223 - Reviewing the Effects of Programs, Orders, and Rules with Thorough Study (REPORTS) Act Link	Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	Date Introduced: 10/21/22 Most Recent Action: On 10/21/22, referred to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and the Judiciary.	This bill requires federal agencies, when publishing notice of a proposed major rule, to include an analysis of the rule's potential impact on low-income individuals and racial inequity. The GAO must annually report on the impact of certain programs on low-income individuals and racial inequity.
2	H.R. 8933 – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act Link	Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	Date Introduced: 9/21/22 Most Recent Action: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	This bill amends chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules.
3	H.R. 8703 / S. 1250 – Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists (REVIEW) Act of 2022	Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1] Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 8/12/22 S.: 4/20/21 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 4/20/21, referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill prohibits a final agency rule from taking effect until (1) the agency submits the rule to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), and (2) OIRA makes a determination as to whether the rule is a high-impact rule that may impose an annual cost on the economy of at least \$1 billion. In addition, an agency must postpone the effective date of a high-impact rule until the final disposition of all actions seeking judicial review of the rule.
4	H.R. 8499 / S. 4596 – Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2022	Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8] Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 7/26/22 S.: 7/21/22 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 7/27/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. S.: On 7/21/22, referred to the Committee on	This bill prohibits the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Transportation, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from considering, in taking any action, the social cost of carbon, the social cost of methane, the social cost of nitrous oxide, or the social cost of any other greenhouse gas, unless compliant

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5	H.R. 7307 – Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act Link	Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	Date Introduced: 3/31/22 Most Recent Action: On 3/31/22, referred to the House Committee on Small Business.	This bill requires the Small Business Administration to ensure that for each fiscal year the cost to small businesses of the administration's rulemaking (including the modification or repeal of a rule) is not greater than zero. The administration also must report on any regulations issued by other federal agencies that have an impact on small businesses.
6	S. 3729 – Advocacy Empowerment Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	Date Introduced: 3/2/22 Most Recent Action: On 3/2/22, referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.	This bill revises the duties and powers of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to include (1) issuing, modifying, or amending rules governing federal agency compliance with regulatory flexibility analysis requirements; and (2) authorizing an agency to issue such supplemental rules governing such compliance as the Chief Counsel may approve.
7	S. 2279 - Independent Agency Regulatory Analysis Act Link	Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	Date Introduced 6/24/21 Most Recent Action On 6/24/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill authorizes the President to require an independent regulatory agency to (1) comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to other federal agencies, (2) provide the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs with an assessment of the costs and benefits of a proposed or final economically significant rule and an assessment of costs and benefits of potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives to the rule, (3) publish the assessments with the rules, and (4) submit to the office for review any proposed or final economically significant rule. In addition, the bill prohibits judicial review of an independent regulatory agency's compliance with the requirements of this bill.
8	S. 2074 - Prove It Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	Date Introduced 6/16/21	This bill authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to request a review of any federal agency

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		<p>Most Recent Action On 6/16/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	<p>certification that a proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The request must explain why the SBA disagreed with the certification and provide a factual basis for the statement. If it is determined, after agency review and reconsideration, that the proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, the agency shall then perform an initial regulatory flexibility analysis for the rule.</p>	
9	H.R. 3716 - Children's Protection Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	<p>Date Introduced 6/4/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	<p>This bill requires agencies to consider the impact that their proposed rules will have on children, including by including “regulatory children’s analyses” in applicable notices of proposed rulemaking and by ensuring that children’s representatives have had an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking.</p>
10	H.R. 2779 – All Economic Regulations are Transparent (ALERT) Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	<p>Date Introduced 4/22/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 10/19/21, Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	<p>This bill establishes various reporting requirements with respect to federal agency rulemaking. Specifically, each agency must submit a monthly report to OIRA for each rule the agency expects to propose or finalize during the following year, including information about the objectives and legal basis for the rule as well as whether the rule is subject to periodic review based on its significant economic impact. OIRA must publish this information online and, subject to certain exceptions, a rule may not take effect until the information has been published for at least six months. The bill further requires OIRA to annually publish specified information it receives from agencies under this bill, including a list of each rule an agency has proposed and the total cost of all rules proposed or finalized. OIRA must also publish any analysis of the costs or benefits of</p>

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			rules that were proposed or finalized during the previous year, and a list of rules that were subjected to various forms of review during the previous year.	
11	H.R. 766 – Taking Account of Institutions with Low Operation Risk Act (TAILOR) Act Link	Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	<p>Date Introduced 2/3/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 2/3/21, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.</p>	This bill requires federal financial regulatory agencies to (1) tailor any regulatory actions to limit burdens on the institutions involved, with consideration of the risk profiles and business models of those institutions; and (2) report to Congress on specific actions taken to do so, as well as on other related issues. The bill's tailoring requirement applies retroactively to regulations adopted within the last seven years.
12	S. 170 / H.R. 701 - Unfunded Mandates Accountability and Transparency Act	Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH] Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	<p>Date Introduced S.: 2/2/21 H.R.: 2/2/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action S.: On 2/2/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. H.R.: On 3/22/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill revises rulemaking requirements with respect to unfunded mandates. Specifically, the bill requires federal agencies to prepare and publish in the Federal Register a regulatory impact analysis prior to promulgating any proposed or final major rule. The analysis must include regulatory alternatives to the rule. The bill also prohibits Congress from considering a bill that increases private sector costs more than a certain amount unless certain conditions are met.

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1	H.R. 9526 - Review the Expansion of Government (REG) Act Link	Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	Date Introduced: 12/14/22 Most Recent Action: On 12/14/22, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	This bill would amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to periodically review final rules issued by the Commission.
2	H.R. 8462 – SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act Link	Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	Date Introduced: 7/21/22 Most Recent Action: On 7/21/22, referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.	This bill requires the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to assess the usefulness of certain disclosure rules to retail investors. Specifically, the SEC must make these assessments regarding both current and new securities rules and regulations that require the disclosure of documents or information to retail investors.
3	S. 4055 – Locating the Inefficiencies of Bureaucratic Edicts to Reform and Transform the Economy Act (LIBERATE) Act Link	Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	Date Introduced: 4/7/22 Most Recent Action: On 4/7/22, referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill establishes the Regulatory Oversight and Review Task Force to evaluate, and provide recommendations for modification, consolidation, harmonization, or repeal of, federal regulations or guidance that impose substantial burdens on U.S. industries or inhibit other economic interests.
4	S. 2801 – Setting Manageable Analysis Requirements in Text (SMART) Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Sinema, Krysten [D-AZ]	Date Introduced 9/22/21 Most Recent Action On 12/19/2022, placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 672).	This bill requires agencies, when publishing a proposed or final major rule, to include a framework for assessing whether the rule achieves its regulatory objective. All such assessments must include a comparison of the rule’s anticipated versus actual benefits and costs and must be completed within a time frame set forth in the assessment framework.
5	H.R. 4132 / S. 2239 - Unnecessary Agency Regulations Reduction Act of 2021	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19] Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	Date Introduced H.R.: 6/24/21 S.: 6/24/21 Most Recent Actions H.R.: On 6/24/21, referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform,	This bill requires the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to annually report a list of major rules that it recommends should be consolidated or repealed because they are outdated, duplicative, or incur excessive compliance costs. Congress must review the list to determine, and recommend by joint

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		and in addition to the Committee on Rules. S.: On 6/24/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	resolution, any such rules to consolidate or repeal.
6	H.R. 1920 - PROVE IT Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6] Date Introduced 3/16/21 Most Recent Action On 5/18/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	This bill requires agencies, when publishing a final major rule and biennially thereafter, to assess the impact of the rule on regulated entities, determine how the actual benefits and costs of the rule have varied from those anticipated, and assess the effectiveness of the rule at meeting its regulatory objectives. If an agency determines that the actual cost exceeded the anticipated cost, then the agency must assess and report whether the rule is meeting its objectives and whether the rule is necessary. In such case, the agency must reopen the public comment period and consider modifications or alternatives to the rule.
7	H.R. 968 - Lessening Regulatory Costs and Establishing a Federal Regulatory Budget Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13] Date Introduced 2/11/21 Most Recent Action On 2/11/21, referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.	This bill establishes procedures and provides statutory authority to reduce the number of federal regulations. Specifically, it requires each agency to establish a regulatory reform task force charged with identifying regulations that are appropriate for repeal and replacement. The bill further provides statutory authority for the executive order prohibiting agencies from issuing a new regulation with an economic impact of at least \$100 million without identifying two regulations for repeal that will offset the cost of the proposed new regulation. Additionally, OMB must establish an annual regulatory budget for each federal agency that specifies the net allowable increase in regulatory costs for each agency during the next fiscal year.

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1	H.R. 9390 - Stop Corporate Capture Act Link	Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	<p>Date Introduced 12/1/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 12/1/22, referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Oversight and Reform</p>	This bill would amend title 5, United States Code, to require disclosure of conflicts of interest with respect to rulemaking.
2	H.R. 9108 / S. 3315 – Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2022	Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	<p>Date Introduced: H.R.: 9/30/22 S.: 12/6/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 9/30/22, referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. S.: On 12/6/21, referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species.
3	H.R. 8796 / S. 2278 – Regulatory Accountability Act	Rep. Van Dуйne, Beth [R-TX-24] Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	<p>Date Introduced: H.R.: 9/9/22 S.: 6/24/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 6/24/21, referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill amends APA procedures for notice-and-comment rulemaking to require, among other things, that federal agencies consider whether a rulemaking is required by statute or is within the discretion of the agency, whether existing laws or rules could be amended or rescinded to address the problem, and reasonable alternatives to a new rule. For proposed major or high-impact rules that have a specified significant economic impact or adverse effect on the public health or safety, an agency must (1) publish notice of such rulemaking to invite interested parties to propose alternatives; (2) allow persons interested in certain major rules to petition for a public hearing; (3) adopt the rule that maximizes net benefits within the scope of the statutory provision authorizing the rule, with exceptions; and (4) publish a framework and metrics for measuring the post-adoption efficacy of the rule.

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			Additionally, the bill revises the scope of judicial review of agency actions and establishes new requirements for agencies issuing guidance.	
4	H.R. 8443 – Making the CFPB Accountable to Small Business Act of 2022 Link	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	<p>Date Introduced: 7/20/2022</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill eliminates the requirement that financial institutions must collect data regarding loans made to women-owned, minority-owned, or small businesses. In addition, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau must justify its decision to not adopt certain alternatives to regulations applicable to small entities.
5	S. 4522 / H.R. 7412 - Transparency in CFPB Cost-Benefit Analysis Act	Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA] Rep. Mooney, Alexander [R-WV-2]	<p>Date Introduced: S.: 7/13/22 H.R.: 4/6/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: S.: On 7/13/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. H.R.:</p>	This bill sets forth information required to be included in a rulemaking made by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Specifically, the CFPB must publish a justification of the proposed rulemaking; a quantitative and qualitative assessment of all anticipated direct and indirect costs and benefits; alternatives to the proposed rulemaking; impacts on small businesses; and any assumptions, data, or studies used in preparing this information.
6	S. 4211 – Promoting Innovation and Offering the Needed Escape from Exhaustive Regulations (PIONEER) Act Link	Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	<p>Date Introduced: 5/12/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action: On 5/12/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	This bill establishes an Office of Regulatory Relief within OIRA and creates a regulatory sandbox program under which agencies may provide waivers of agency rules and guidance at the request of regulated entities seeking to temporarily test products or services on a limited basis or undertake expansion of business facilities consistent with the program’s purpose of “incentivizing” the success of current or new businesses, expanding economic opportunities, creating jobs, and fostering innovation.
7	H.R. 7425 – Justice for Americans Act Link	Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	<p>Date Introduced: 4/6/22</p> <p>Most Recent Action:</p>	This bill eliminates Federal regulatory crimes by providing that an individual may not be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for violating a rule

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		On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the House Committee on the Judiciary.	made by a Federal agency, department, or non-legislative entity, unless a law providing for incarceration for such specific violation is considered and passed by both Houses of Congress and signed into law by the President.
8	S. 3730 / H.R. 6999 – Hearing Small Businesses Act Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL] Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	Date Introduced: H.R.: 3/8/22 S.: 3/2/22 Most Recent Action: H.R.: On 11/11/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 4/5/22, hearing held before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Internal Revenue Service to seek and consider the advice of small entities about a proposed or interim final rule before publishing the rule if the rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.
9	S. 2804 — Early Participation in Regulations Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] Date Introduced 9/22/21 Most Recent Action On 9/22/21, read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill requires agencies to give advance notice (defined as at least 90 days prior to standard notice) of any proposed rulemaking that (1) imposes an annual economic effect of \$100 million or more, (2) causes significant cost increases to one of numerous parties, or (3) has adverse effects on one of numerous societal values.
10	H.R. 4434 – Ensuring Accountability in Agency Rulemaking Act Link	Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6] Date Introduced 7/16/21 Most Recent Action On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	This bill requires, subject to limited exception, that any agency rule promulgated under notice and comment procedures must be issued and signed by the head of the agency. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs must issue guidance for agencies to implement this requirement.
11	H.R. 4047 – Cutting Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens Act Link	Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15] Date Introduced 6/22/21 Most Recent Action On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee	This bill requires agencies to repeal at least two rules before promulgating a major rule. Further, unless required by law, an agency may not issue a rule that exceeds the total cost of the rules to be repealed without approval

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		on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.	by the Office of Management and Budget. These requirements do not apply to major rules related to agency procedures, the Armed Forces, national security, or foreign affairs.	
12	H.R. 3270 - Protecting Jobs and Wages from Regulations Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	<p>Date Introduced 5/17/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 11/9/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill revises and expands the requirements for federal agency rulemaking by requiring agencies, in making a rule, to base all preliminary and final factual determinations on evidence and to consider the legal authority under which the rule may be proposed, the specific nature and significance of the problem the agency may address with the rule, any reasonable alternatives for the rule, and the potential costs and benefits associated with such alternatives.
13	H.R. 3204 – One In, Two Out Act Link	Rep. McCaul, Michael [R-TX-10]	<p>Date Introduced 5/13/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 11/9/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	This bill requires federal agencies to repeal certain existing rules prior to issuing a new rule. Specifically, the bill prohibits an agency from issuing a rule that imposes a cost or responsibility on a nongovernmental person or a state or local government unless it repeals two or more related rules. additionally, an agency may not issue a major rule that imposes such a cost or responsibility unless (1) the agency has repealed or revised two or more related rules, and (2) the cost of the new rule is less than or equal to the cost of the rules being repealed or revised. (Generally, a major rule is one likely to result in an annual economic impact of \$100 million or more, a major increase in costs, or significant adverse effects on competition or investment.)
14	S. 1252 - RED Tape Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	<p>Date Introduced 4/20/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 04/20/2021, read twice and referred to the Committee on</p>	This bill prohibits, with certain exceptions, a federal agency from issuing a rule that causes a new financial or administrative burden on businesses or people in the United States unless the agency has repealed or amended two or more existing rules causing such a burden and the

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		Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	cost of the rule to be issued is less than or equal to that of the rules repealed or amended. In determining whether to repeal such a rule, an agency must consider (1) whether the rule has achieved its purpose, has become obsolete, or overlaps with a rule to be issued; (2) any adverse effects that could materialize if the rule is repealed; and (3) whether the costs of the rule outweigh its benefits.
15	H.R. 1507 / S. 522 - Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3] Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	Date Introduced H.R.: 3/2/21 S.: 3/2/21 Most Recent Action H.R.: On 5/18/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 6/21/21, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.
16	H.R. 969 - Freedom from Regulations Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	Date Introduced 2/11/21 Most Recent Action On 4/23/21, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
17	H.R. 662 – Government Red-Tape Reduction Act Link	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	Date Introduced 02/01/2021 Most Recent Action On 03/22/2021, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.

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18	H.R. 6107 – Stop Corporate Capture Act Link	Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	<p>Date Introduced 12/1/21</p> <p>Most Recent Action On 11/1/22, referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.</p>	<p>This bill seeks to achieve greater disclosure of conflicts of interest in the rulemaking process, including by requiring outside parties who submit studies to agencies to disclose any possible conflicts to agencies and by requiring agencies to publicly disclose studies submitted by outside parties during the rulemaking process.</p>

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1	S. 4444 - Safeguarding Awards for Victims and Enforcement Settlements Act of 2022 Link	Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	Date Introduced: 6/22/22 Most Recent Action: On 6/22/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill imposes restrictions on donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party. Specifically, the bill bars an official or agent of the government from entering into or enforcing any settlement agreement on behalf of the United States that directs or provides for a payment or loan, in cash or in kind, to any person or entity that other than the United States who is not a party to the dispute.
2	S. 3900 / H.R. 27 – Settlement Agreement Information Database Act of 2021	Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK] Rep. Palmer, Gary [R-AL-6]	Date Introduced S.: 3/22/22 H.R.: 1/4/21 Most Recent Action S.: On 3/22/22, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. H.R.: On 1/5/21, passed in the House under suspension of the rules by voice vote.	This bill requires executive agencies to submit information regarding settlement agreements to a public database. Specifically, an agency must submit information regarding any settlement agreement (including a consent decree) entered into by the agency related to an alleged violation of federal law. If an agency determines that information regarding an agreement must remain confidential to protect the public interest, the agency must publish an explanation of why the information is confidential.
3	S. 3378 – Congressional Review of Agency Legal Settlements Act of 2021 Link	Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	Date Introduced 12/13/21 Most Recent Action On 12/13/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	This bill requires agencies to submit to Congress certain covered settlement agreements and authorizes Congress to disapprove such agreements by joint resolution.
4	H.R. 3045 - No Regulation Through Litigation Act of 2021 Link	Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	Date Introduced 5/7/21 Most Recent Action On 11/9/21, Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.	This bill modifies the authority of federal agencies to enter into consent decrees and limits the inclusion of attorney fees in consent decrees or settlement agreements that result in a regulation or guidance document.

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5	H.R. 2708 / S. 1247 - Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2021	Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5] Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	<p>Date Introduced H.R.: 4/20/21 S.: 4/20/21</p> <p>Most Recent Actions H.R.: On 10/19/21, Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. S.: On 4/20/21, read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	These bills seek to regulate agency acceptance of consent decrees and settlement agreements in the wake of certain civil suits. Among other things, these bills (1) require agencies to accept public comment prior to accepting consent decrees or settlements and (2) create a presumption of court intervention into covered civil suits.